(c) whether any other parts of the country are also covered by the Restricted Area Permit; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Various factors like proximity to the International border, general law and order situation, sensitivity of the State and presence of insurgent elements etc. are the reasons for not lifting the Restricted Area Permit System enforced in North Eastern region.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Sikkim, certain parts along the international border of JAMMU & KASHMIR, UTTAR PRADESH, HIMACHAL PRADESH, RAJASTHAN and Union Territory of ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS.

Setting up a dish antenna in Jalna, Maharashtra

617. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
KUMARI SAYEEDA KHATUN:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a 14 m-giant dish antenna is proposed to be set up in Jalna (Maharashtra), if so, its functions and cost; and

(b) what would be the benefits?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

A 14 m dish antenna is being set up at Jalna as a part of the "Satellite Monitoring Earth Station". The station will provide capability to monitor technical parameters of emissions from satellites in the visible arc of the Geo-stationary satellite orbit over India viz. 20 Deg. to 140 Deg. E. This will facilitate the implementation of national and international Radio Regulations governing space radio-communication systems. The measurements by the proposed station will facilitate ensuring interference free operation of Indian satellite and terrestrial radio-communication systems. The estimated cost of the project is to the tune of Rs. 672 lakhs.

S.T.D. facilities to Kadaianallur in Tamil Nadu

618. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kadaianallur, a Municipal Town in Tamil Nadu has been included in the list of 360 Towns which are enlisted to be provided with S.T.D. facilities in 1991-92;

(b) if so, by when the proposal is likely to be materialised; and

(c) if not, what steps would Government take to include Kadaianallur in the list; by when S.T.D. facility is likely to be provided to Kadaianallur?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is planned to provide S.T.D. by March, 1992.

(c) Does not arise.

Salary and allowances of M.Ps.

619. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to increase the salary and allowances of the Members of Parliament, taking into account the reduced value of rupee after the adjustments made recently in the value of rupee vis-a-vis the basket of currencies of a number of foreign countries?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): No Sir. No such proposal is under the consideration of the Government.